

Dear Connecticut Legislators,

My name is John Reilly and my family and I live and vote in Redding .

We depend on Naturopathic doctors (ND's) for high quality primary care services, including prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness. ND's have become an integral part of our healthcare system and therefore patients like us are demanding to receive a more comprehensive spectrum of qualified care from the doctor of our choice.

The Naturopathic Modernization Act seeks to update the Connecticut law governing the practice of naturopathic medicine which is over 90 years old. This updated law would enable NDs to fulfill many patients' primary care needs as well as authorize NDs to prescribe a number of prescription medications, therapeutic devices and durable medical equipment.

The proposed expansion and modernization of the ND scope of practice is already legislated in 17 states including California, Arizona, Washington, Hawaii and Vermont. In these states that allow NDs to prescribe prescription medications, the track record for safety is exceptional.

Equally impacting is that many of these highly-educated, health-minded graduates move to states that have updated scope of practice laws to begin their practices. They are paying taxes in other states and improving the health of communities outside Connecticut.

We appreciate your consideration.

Best regards,
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